# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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LPG AGENCIES
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

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(a) the number of LPG distribution agencies allocated by the Government during the year 2006 State-wise / company-wise ;

(b) whether several State Governments have requested the Union Government to allocate more LPG distribution agencies in their States ; (

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(d) the decision taken by the Government on the said proposals ;

(e) whether the Government has fixed any target to cover more areas under LPG facility for Eleventh Five Year Plan period ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : At present, 3 Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are marketing LPG in the country.

Government have allotted 7 LPG distributorships in the country under "Operation Vijay Special Scheme" (OVSS) (Kargil) during the year 2006.The details are as under :-

| States | Name of Oil Company | No. of distributorships allotted |
|---|---|---|
| Assam | IOC | 1 |
| Himachal Pradesh | IOC | 2 |
| Himachal Pradesh | HPCL | 1 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | HPCL | 1 |
| Punjab | IOC | 1 |
| Uttar Pradesh | IOC | 1 |
| Total | | 7 |

In addition to this, OMCs have allotted 37 LPG distributorships in the country under their marketing plans during the year 2006. The State-wise/company-wise details is shown at Annex.

(b)to(f) : Government have given freedom to OMCs to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining an independent distributorship. Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi- urban and rural areas. OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 791 locations for setting up LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The State-wise details of LPG distributorships are available with Director (Marketing) of OMCs concerned. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identification of suitable locations, arranging land for setting up of godown, obtaining various statutory clearances, etc.